

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL, RUSH COUNTY AREA
PLAN COMMISSION, RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING
APPEALS, AND THE RUSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2004**

A special joint meeting of the Rushville City Common Council, the Rush County Area Plan Commission, the Rush County Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Rush County Commissioners was held after the regular scheduled Common Council meeting on the above date at 270 West 15th Street. Mayor Bob Bridges called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Bob Bridges, Ann Copley, Chris Fields, John Byrne, Mike Pavey, Tracy Newhouse, Joe Ratz, Bill Todd, Elbert Gordon, Dwight Sweet, Marvin Reece, Don Denzler, Mike Holzback, Ramona Turner, David Butsch, Dave Brochere, Bill Steenstrup, Cynthia Whittle, Janet Kile, and Frank Denzler and Scott Murray.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft of the zoning ordinance presented by the Rushville City Common Council. County representatives were not sure of the intent of the City Council and why they thought they needed their own ordinance.

Councilman Pavey explained that at times there are some issues that come up in the City that need to be addressed differently than those in the County and the issues need to be more defined.

Dwight Sweet said he thought there might be some problems with the APC and the director handling 2 separate ordinances. He said he wanted to make sure that justice would be done juggling the 2 ordinances. He also questioned if the City wanted their own zoning board. Bridges said the City does not want their own zoning board for the simple reason that they cannot afford it.

Bill Todd said there needed to be maps and code uses, which were the meat of the ordinance. Joe Ratz said the maps would be included after all the changes were made and the final ordinance was prepared.

Elbert Gordon said he thought there were too many gray areas and that the ordinance needed to be black and white.

Pavey stated that the City Council was only trying to get a system in place that works for the City. He said the City is only trying to make improvements and allow City residents to have a voice.

After lengthy discussion Ratz suggested to the County representatives that if there were items they felt were unclear to note those to him. It was also decided that the ordinance would be put in the same format, as the County's to make it a little easier to follow.

There being no further discussion Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER